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university
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dedication

There was a university. . . .

*Proud, serene, it belonged to the prairie, and was
its heart.*

And the people came

To learn, to grow, to live.

For this was the promise of the prairie.

*The people? Yes. All of them who needed or wanted
that which had been promised.*

Ordinary people, who walked and moved effortlessly.

*Special people, on crutches, in wheelchairs, those
who moved with difficulty, but still sought the
promise.*

And who found it.

*It is to these, especially, that Sigma Signs is re-
spectfully dedicated.*

the program

It was 1948. The war was over. The men were home again. Many faced unique problems of adjustment. A severed spinal column, a missing limb — these meant finding a new way of life. Also, not to be forgotten, were the polios, cerebral palsied, and other people with disabilities. They were around in 1948, too. And that's how it all began. . . .

An experimental rehabilitation program had been set up at the Galesburg Division of the U. of I.; at the start there really wasn't much. In charge of its operation was Tim Nugent, a young, enthusiastic expert in the problems of the handicapped.

The combination of physical therapy and higher education seemed very appropriate and necessary, since a good bit more than strength or agility are needed to get along in the world. The students who helped launch the Galesburg experiment, and there were just eight, had much to learn about taking on a meaningful role in society. The world's a complex, busy thing, full of people who walk, work, and play easily. Nugent saw clearly the importance of giving his students the sort of training background they'd need to compete in an unhandicapped society.



Professor Nugent
a demonstration

The Galesburg campus presented no real facility difficulties in getting from one spot to another as it was once the Army's Mayo General Hospital, 156 small one story buildings converted into a university. So that individual needs would be met, schedules designed to take care of both physical and scholastic requirements took into account present abilities as well as future ambitions.

Doing things independently became a major theme in the program; everyone knew the deep importance of being able to take care of themselves, handling the matters of daily living. The big items like dressing and walking received careful attention, but so did the smaller ones, like hopping into a car. All had the counseling so essential in finding just the right course of study. By the end of the first year, things were moving smoothly.

The decision to end the Galesburg extension came as a shock and quite a setback to the handicapped students and those working in their behalf. Nugent, an energetic redhead, was dismayed only momentarily. Basically, the trouble lay in the doubts many had about the whole notion of the severely permanently handicapped obtaining a normal full scale college education on a large university campus. Were they really capable of getting about the campus? These ramps — did they actually work? Wasn't college life too great a strain. What would be the cost? What liabilities would be involved?

A situation like this demanded action, no words. Nugent and his loyal crew marched on the capitol and later on the main campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign. The men, in their wheelchairs, put on a demonstration revealing what a sound program of physical fitness can do when ability, not disability, is the main concern. They rolled. They

hopped curbs. They scooted up hurriedly improvized ramps. They also convinced the dubious, including the governor. There was no doubt left.

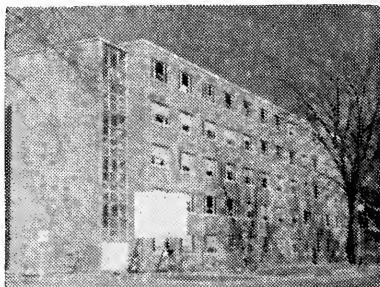
Next autumn, the Student Rehabilitation Center opened on the Urbana campus. A number of advantages for wheelchair navigators were already at hand. The main campus was beautifully flat. Several buildings already were equipped with elevators. A few ramps were immediately built leading into some principal academic buildings. Within the next few years the number would leap to more than fifty, so that no activity would be outside the "wheeling range" of the handicapped Illini. Single men had housing accommodations in the Parade Ground Units, while married couples set up housekeeping at Stadium Terrace. Single women set up camp at the delightfully contemporary Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall.

Facilities in one of the world's great universities had now been made available to handicapped folk. Very shortly all curricula would be at the disposal of wheelchair students. But even better, the larger campus made for growth in equally vital areas of sports and social activities. The Disabled Students' Organization, founded a year earlier, had inaugurated a full season of wheelchair football which featured some fast, and amazingly furious, inter-squad games. Besides this, the group proved instrumental in founding the University of Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team, electrically charged band of sportsmen who have won the admiration and captured the imagination and respect of all those who have seen them play. The team, always a national leader, copped the national championship during its fifth season.

Other activities included a wide range of parties, picnics, and an annual banquet at which the parents are treated to a dazzling campus weekend. Certainly one of the great accomplishments of D.S.O. occurred when it obtained a pair of specially equipped buses to permit speedier movement about the university; wondrous blue monsters, they circle the campus hourly scooping up students, chair and all, with their hydraulic lifts.

And the changing, the growing goes on. We started with eight students, then there were twenty-two. It's one hundred thirty-two, now. The battered, somehow nostalgic P.G.U.'s are gone and in their place, the fine, new men's residence halls which were designed with wheelchair folk in mind. A recent multi-million dollar expansion program opened every corner of the mighty university to wheelchairs. The opportunity is rich, very much alive. The way is a little more ready.

Name it, we can do it! We've got it!



For the Men

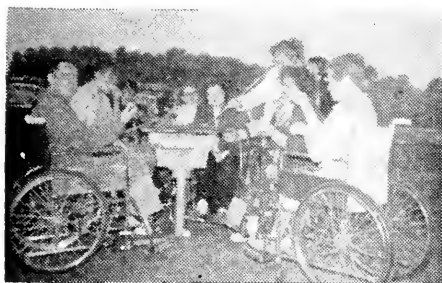
something old . . .

. . . and new

the social whirl

Like all other University of Illinois students, the members of Delta Sigma Omicron believe in having a good time as well as studying. Members of our group can be found at almost any social function on campus. However, there are also activities provided exclusively for our membership. The highlight of Freshmen week at the U. of I. was a picnic at Lake Springfield sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans post of Springfield. This is an annual event for the Disabled American Veterans' members who, for the past few years, have had us as their guests.

Having left Urbana a few hours before, the Blue Bulls (Nugent's

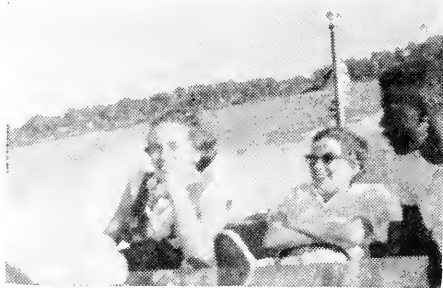


A Big Day . . .

at Springfield . . .

folly, gimp boats, blitz blunder, and Greyhound's gone goose) pulled into Springfield at the Disabled American Veterans' clubhouse just as a delicious picnic dinner was being prepared. Having stuffed ourselves, we all went down to the docks to try our hands at speedboating. There we found a new hoist, which after many years of strained backs on behalf of the D.A.V.'s, was built to transfer wheelchair students from dock to boat. Several boat-owners were on hand to give us lengthy aquatic sightseeing tours of Lake Springfield. Some of the picnickers also went swimming and came out with beautiful sunburns. The afternoon festivities ended with a local band providing both instrumental and vocal entertainment. With the final musical notes, dinner was served to a very hungry and appreciative group. The supper hour was filled with comments about bands, boats, and burns, giving everyone a chance to get even better acquainted with his new-found friends. When the last bit of friendly banter was exchanged, it was time to bid good-bye and board the busses for Urbana.

Behind all this activity is Delta Sigma Omicron, the Disabled Student Organization. It is a co-educational service fraternity with broad aims and mighty accomplishments. These are promoting the social and recreational welfare of the members of Delta Sigma Omicron and all handicapped people everywhere; exploring, encouraging and promoting particular educational possibilities on a higher level for disabled people and promoting phases of their school life. The fraternity also makes known the opportunities and possibilities that exist through the media of higher education to disabled persons throughout the country; then, it investigates job,



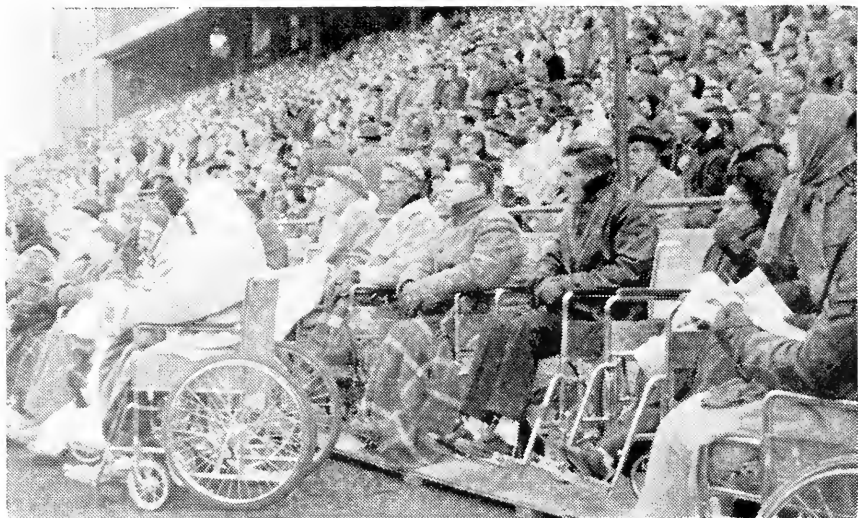
. . . With the D.A.V.

. . . a jolly prelude

recreation and social opportunities that exist through the media of higher education to disabled people everywhere. Delta Sigma Omicron has stimulated research and actively contributed to research to the benefit of all disabled people; what's more, it has acted as an educational body for both handicapped and public alike as to what can and should be done for the handicapped in procuring for them the opportunities for normal pursuits. In order to gain all this, Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. has the power to acquire, hold, procure and maintain equipment that would better facilitate activities of the disabled people everywhere.

This year the officers of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. were Donald W. Swift, President; John Prince, Vice President; Raymond F. Crigger, Secretary; Alfred G. Oelschlegel, Treasurer; and the Board of Directors: Frank B. Deyo, Chairman; Timothy J. Nugent, Secretary; Paul Smoot, Willard D. Holloway, and Alfred G. Oelschlegel. The officers of Alpha Chapter were Jim Boen, President; Glen Bellow, Vice President; Cynthia Allen, Secretary; Bill Wilkins, Treasurer; Paul Brown, Parliamentarian.

At the October meeting of Delta Sigma Omicron candlelight service was conducted in honor of thirty-two new members of Delta Sigma Omicron. The new members were treated to a coffee hour afterward. Actually, this was just one of many high points in the social calendar. The frequent dances on campus have always appealed to our group and this year again found many of us in attendance. We once again received special invitations to the Urlana Policemen's Ball with the music of Jan Garber and his band. The LAR dances also provided us with the opportunity of enjoying an evening's visit with a background of dance music. One of the last warm days found several couples out at Kickapoo State Park. They listened to the Illinois-Minnesota football game and later had a picnic dinner complete with all the trimmings. The moonlight drive home was lovely, too, we understand. In December, the Moose Club invited the fraternity to celebrate the Christmas season with its members at the Champaign club.



An afternoon of football
big ten time



Scharper Award winners Kaloupek and Perkins

outstanding service . . .

. . . achievement

The annual award banquet, our eighth, proved to be a special treat for all concerned. Held in the main ballroom of the Illini Union, the event was the highpoint of an enormously busy and wonderful week-end. It all began with a wheelchair football game between the Blue Streaks and the White Flashes. After the game came a tour of the Rehabilitation Center at which time the parents met and talked with the Rehabilitation staff. A buffet luncheon, then the Illinois-Wisconsin football game followed, with all the parents sitting together, while those of us in wheelchairs sat in our usual places. Following the game the parents and students had their first real opportunity to relax and talk things over. The banquet was at seven. Jack Whitman, toastmaster and alumnus of the rehabilitation program, took charge of the evening. He began by presenting Don Glyn, then president of Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, who welcomed everyone. The program continued with the introduction of two distinguished guests — the president of the University of Illinois, Dr. David Dodds Henry, and the state auditor, Dr. Lloyd Morey. Each gave challenging and inspiring talks. Entertainment was provided by three talented Delta Sigma Omicron members. Tom Jones amused all by giving a humorous reading and Andrea Hansen sang two selections with great charm. With his imitation of "Elvis," Dean Nosker riotously ended this part of the program.

The Harold Scharper awards were presented to two outstanding Delta Sigma Omicron alumni, who, because of their continued interest and very worthy accomplishments were thought deserving of highest recognition. Bob Kaloupek received the service award. Glen Perkins was given the achievement award. In both cases recognition was given to the fine leadership, the unselfish attitude which characterized the men. Special awards were given to C. S. Bruggeman and the Champaign American Legion for outstanding service to our organization.

sports



Gizz Kids in control

skill, speed, sportsmanship

Football anywhere in The Big Ten usually means two hundred pounds of brute force, mashing body and bone for the sake of dear old Alma Mater. To some Illini, however, the term has two connotations, the familiar eleven man powerhouse on the gridiron, legs pounding, and, six driving, arm-propelled men in wheelchairs. To many the idea of wheelchair football might seem a long way from the game which is the favorite Saturday afternoon sport of millions of Americans in the fall, but in reality there is very little difference between the two. Instead of an eleven man contingent, wheelchair football consists of six men, mobilized in chairs. The rules and regulations are almost identical with those used in regular football, except, they have been changed to allow for the limitations that one has to cope with while playing a "ball-bearing" game. For example, in regular football the pigskin is booted at the start of each half, and after touchdowns; in the wheeling version, it's necessary to have a forward pass, instead of kicking.

The plays and strategy used on Saturday morning in the University Armory throughout the season are similar to those that any collegiate team might have in its bag of tricks — single wings, T's, quick deception, searing end arounds — they all find their way into the rolling kind of game. The tactics that must be used in order to stop an offensive player from coming around end on the reverse, or to stop a defensive guard from blocking a man out of the play, come from skillful maneuvering and using the little tricks of "our" trade. One adaptation in the rules is that "... a tackle will consist of two hands being placed on the body of the ballcarrier simultaneously"; this doesn't mean that things don't get a bit rough — it's not

uncommon to have two chairs collide head-on in order to stop a speedy runner. Because of the excellent coaching, no one has ever been injured. The White Flashes and Blue Devils have been battling for team supremacy for years. This past season the Whites revenged last year's winless campaign, with only a tie to blennish their season's mark. During the past years neither team has shown enough dominance to be rated a favorite in any of their future battles.

With the conclusion of the football season the spotlight falls on the athletic event that we at the University Rehabilitation Program are most noted for — wheelchair basketball. For the past nine years the famed Illinois Gizz Kids have been in strong contention for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association championship with the other teams throughout the nation. This year, coached by Tim Nugent, the team toured widely and played games from Cleveland to Kansas City. At last years tournament — and the Kids always go — the team played New Jersey, Kansas City, and



Gizz Kids Cheerleaders

noise for the boys

Chattanooga. In wheelchair basketball, N.C.A.A. rules are followed, almost to the letter with few exceptions; what would ordinarily consist of "steps" or "traveling" by the N.C.A.A. rules is now put another way. If any player takes more than two consecutive pushes, while in possession of the ball, he is considered to have been traveling. The team is allowed 15 seconds to bring the ball across the center line, and any offensive player is permitted 6 seconds in the free throw lane. Beyond this, anyone who watches a Gizz Kids game is sure to see a contest which is as charged with excitement and thrilling performance as any that might be seen in the world. The team follows a tight, and very exacting training schedule to help them get in condition to turn in the kind of winning action that has made them famous throughout the nation.

In spite of the fact that every four years at graduation there is a tremendous turnover of players, and that each member of the squad must maintain a high scholastic average, the Illinois cagers have a fine reputa-

tion for top ranking players, a fact which is recognized across the country. This year the Illinois Gizz Kids starting five have 1 junior, and 1 sophomore, and three freshmen, and even in their chairs they are a tall bunch of fellows, some being as much as 6'5", if they could stand up! Illinois, which hasn't had the best of its season this year looks proudly at its young, very promising team, and says, much like the Bums from Brooklyn, "Wait'll next year, we'll moider dem guys."

The Illinois Gizz Kids, not to be outdone, can boast that of all the other teams in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, it is the only one to be supported by a quartet of peppy and charming cheerleaders, who also operate from a wheeling position; they don't take a back seat to anyone, either. Because there are no cheers designed especially for wheelchair sportsmen, the girls get together regularly and work out whirl-wind routines which capture the spirit and enthusiasm of the crowds, which come to watch the team. They've been called a ballet on wheels, and have compressed some of the well known cheers into precise, spirited routines. The Illini five and their cheerleaders go well together, both for the precision and dash with which they function.

At the beginning of the second semester an unforeseen surprise was in store for the men of the "Orange and Blue" when Don Swift, a former member of the Gizz Kids, and an alumnus of the University, presented the team with twenty-five new, and much needed uniforms. These are unique in many ways since they were designed by Don especially for men playing wheelchair basketball, and have in them special craftsmanship demanded by the men playing such an active and special brand of basketball. The uniforms, of course, are the traditional orange and blue colors that Illinois has made famous. The generosity of this alum has made the team the best-dressed in the nation.



Alumnus Swift presenting new uniforms
in the nation, the best

academics

The brief reviews of the non-academic aspects of the students' lives of the Student Rehabilitation Center might lead one to believe that all their time was taken up with dawn to dawn pursuit of the gayer diversions available on this mammoth campus. Really, this is a long way from the true state of affairs. From the instant a new student "sets wheels" on the campus there's little question in his mind about why he's come to the second largest university in the world; after all, the main reason for coming to college is to become better able to roll out into the world and do a representative job of being a good citizen. Though the games and parties may seem great sport, a green, new freshman soon discovers a good bit of time will have to be put in behind his desk. In achieving this end the disabled scholar is aided in many ways. Through the co-operation of the University of Illinois with Delta Sigma Omicron well over fifty ramps have been installed, making accessible most every classroom building. There are few spots that can't be reached; in fact, all curricula are within easy rolling distance. Since the university is located on some of the flatest land in the world, many find it a simple matter to push to class under their own hand-power. Those wishing to may ride one of two specially equipped busses which have hydraulic lifts to pick up students, chair and all. These busses circle the campus hourly. Naturally anyone having his own auto is allowed to use it, in fact, restricted parking spaces have been provided near all main buildings for the handicapped.

One is obliged to recognize the very real fact that disabled Illini must compete on equal basis with the able bodied Illini. The disabled stu-



Bus Stop
all around the campus, a lift



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dents have been able to more than hold their own in this keen competition and show no signs of faltering. We have 100% placement among our alumni with an average income better than \$5500 a year. A good many of the graduates of the program continue their education. One graduate, Ronald Smoot, is working toward his doctor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and is an instructor in Mechanical Engineering. As a sideline he manufactures his own variety of hand control for the students who drive autos. Ken Anderson, who will receive his doctorate in mathematics, is also on the faculty of the university, as are four more of our Alumni in wheelchairs. C. Benjamin Graham maintained an A-average in the pre-medical curriculum while starring for the Gizz Kids. At the present time Graham is in his last year of medical school.

The attitude of the normal, able bodied student is one of the important aspects of college life here at Illinois. If the new student were rebuffed it might make him withdraw into his own shell and live there the rest of his life. On the other hand, if he were made the center of attraction by both instructors and students in his classes he would graduate from the university with the idea that the world owes him a living and would further his slightest whim. At Illinois neither of these situations exists. One is put into a class with people who take him as just another student. They do not shy away from a "chair" as though it was a rolling dragon, nor do they constantly try to do things for him. It is a common sight — to the amazement of visiting citizenry — to see an able bodied fellow walking along side a wheelchair student talking over the class that they both attended. This acceptance is one of the most valuable qualities of the student life. If a disabled student should learn nothing else while in school, this association and acceptance by the normal students will be of great value to him when he goes into the world to make a living.

Those who visit the Illini campus, even those who hear about the project, are sometimes very tempted to wonder "what good is it," or, "those kids are too handicapped, why are they here?" These are good questions. The answers to them are to be found not in any long-haired theory, but rather in the very real everyday activities of the guys and dolls who are a part of the Student Rehabilitation Center program. Meeting them, the stranger to the campus can't help but be struck by the fact that even though



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these people are in wheelchairs or on crutches, they have the same bright, cheery attitude, the same calm, but very obvious self-assurance visible in any student in the great university. They laugh. They talk with informed sureness. They are aware — and this is obvious from their many friends in both the staff and the student body — of what's going on in the world. No longer is it a strange world. No longer is the world too great a complexity. They have learned about it. When they graduate, they are ready to take their place in it.

And they all do.

We might mention here the money angle, the dollars which our alumni earn so easily. They are in the asset column of the socio-economic ledger. There is another way of looking at things though. Long ago there lived a man named Socrates. He once said the important things in life are the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. One searches for these. They are very important. Whether a millionaire or laborer, chances are excellent he'll be a better human, a better citizen if he knows something about the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. And here, at Illinois, we've begun our search.



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* June Graduates for whom photographs were not available at printing: Marylee Fletcher, Jane King. Photos of February Graduates were not available.



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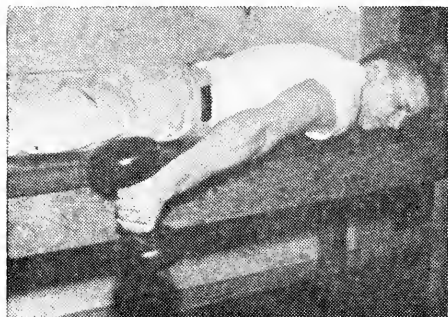


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grunts and groans

A visit to the therapy rooms of the University of Illinois Rehabilitation Center any hour from eight to five, Monday through Friday, would be sure to reveal a capacity crowd of students busily developing unused and uncoordinated muscles to perform new or neglected skills under the guidance of four trained therapists. Our program of directed therapy not only fulfills the physical education credit requirement of the University, but it also functions in an extremely beneficial manner to demonstrate the progress which can result from concentrated effort. The attainment of new physical skills is reflected in the ever increasing confidence which is demonstrated by all our students. This attitude of self-sufficiency is especially worthwhile to the incoming student who arrives with an element of doubt as to his ability to meet the demands of the University schedule. More than one of them has told us that the inspiration which he has derived from watching the "old timers" in action cannot be overestimated.

For example, Dean Nosker, captain of this year's Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team sums it up by saying that you just aren't aware of all the things it's possible to learn to do until you come here to school and see people actually doing them. Dean is a post-polio who has taken full advantage of the facilities the therapy room provides to increase his physical potential. He concentrates on chin-ups, medicine ball routines and progressive weight lifting in order to increase his endurance and agility on the basketball court. In Dean's case, participation in sports supplements his formal therapy program. Although his strength and skill seem quite sufficient



Polio Nosker
it's what you do . . .

to those who are less able. Dean continues to work for more distant goals. In the past year, he has progressed to one hundred consecutive sit-ups which is an enviable feat in any exercise program. Dean is an ambitious, busy, and energetic fellow who will tell you that he enjoys pushing to classes. However, those who keep close tabs on the social activities of the fellows and girls think he does this to keep in training for that long push to L.A.R., the Dolls' Dorm.

Just as Dean is an outstanding example of the progress that can be made toward overcoming the disability caused by polio, Carole Hall is an inspiring model of paraplegic rehabilitation. Carole echoes Dean's comment that the beneficial results realized from therapy are directly proportionate to the time and effort spent exercising. Carole became a paraplegic due to a spinal cord severance sustained in an automobile accident four years ago. She attributes her substantial progress toward regaining her physical independence to her program of supervised exercise. Carole asserts that she never misses walking in the parallel bars unless an emergency

intervenes. As she says, "It improves circulation, lessens the swelling in my ankles, and generally maintains better posture and function." She credits stretching with relieving muscle tension and preventing contractures and special exercise for maintaining muscle tone, strength, and endurance. The familiar sight of Carole driving her own car around campus leaves little doubt that she has found the method for increasing physical independence.

While Dean, Carole, and the many other students with similar disabilities follow active exercise routines, there are others such as George Caddy whose exercises are chiefly passive in nature. George's program of assistive therapy is designed to maintain the strength and range of motion which he possesses after eighteen years of muscular dystrophy. His favorite activity seems to be the performance of his deep-breathing exercises.

(It is really a shame to waste that much puffing on anything less than a tuba.) We are inclined to believe that George's happy smile and pleasant personality have been sustained by the discovery that the facilities of this University are so complete that even a severely disabled student has a very real chance for success.

This same realization of an opportunity to obtain a greater degree of independence is inspiring 32 year old, freshman, Bob Williams to apply himself to the matching of his abilities and the demands of college activities. Bob has cerebral palsy, and although he has no speech difficulty, he does need practice in learning physical skills. He is learning to get into his wheelchair from the mat and to maneuver his chair skillfully as well as to perform the activities of daily living with greater ease.

Naturally, we haven't enough space to relate the progress of more than one hundred students. Those who have been chosen to display a cross section of our therapy program ably represent a very diversified group. However, we should like to mention just a few more of the skills which are being learned by the various members of our organization. Linda Ayers and Marcia Hediger have been learning the knack of getting in and out of a car without assistance. Sylvia Dean has been working hard with the pulley-weights to strengthen her arm, chest, and back muscles. Bill Wilkin has been getting results from his efforts to improve his range of motion



Paraplegic Hall

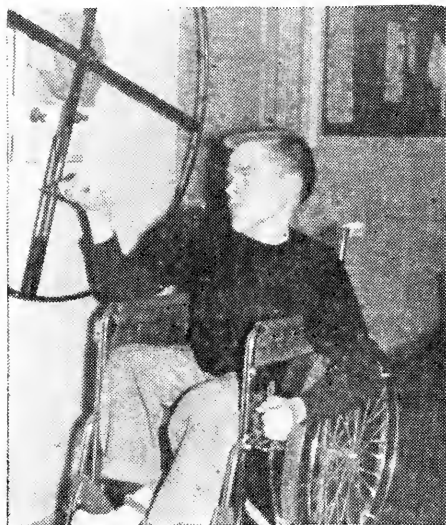
... with what you've got

and in strengthening his shoulders with the shoulder wheel. Tom Linde has learned to dress himself as well as

to perform other activities more easily than before; Tom Joyce is determined to become able to lift heavier weights than that lass from West Virginia. (All those pushes merely delay the day, Tom.)

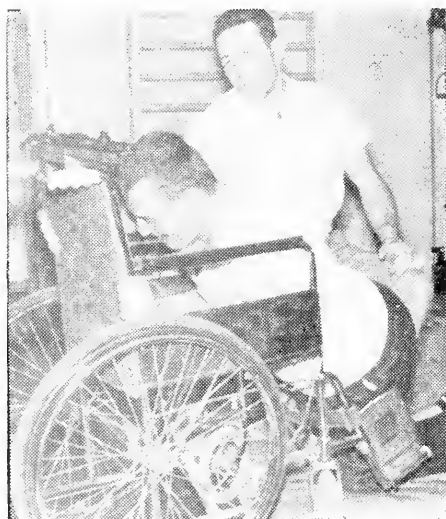
There is a commendable atmosphere of mutual interest in the perseverance and the resultant progress of all those who regularly avail themselves of the help and guidance of the therapy program. The encouragement which is derived from this friendly concern adds an undeniable contribution to the long range program of rehabilitation. Sometimes substantial improvements result from relatively little effort, but many other times the positive results of weeks and months of exercise are barely noticeable. Still these de-

lays are insignificant so long as an attitude of confidence and optimism remains among those who continue to follow their therapy programs faithfully.



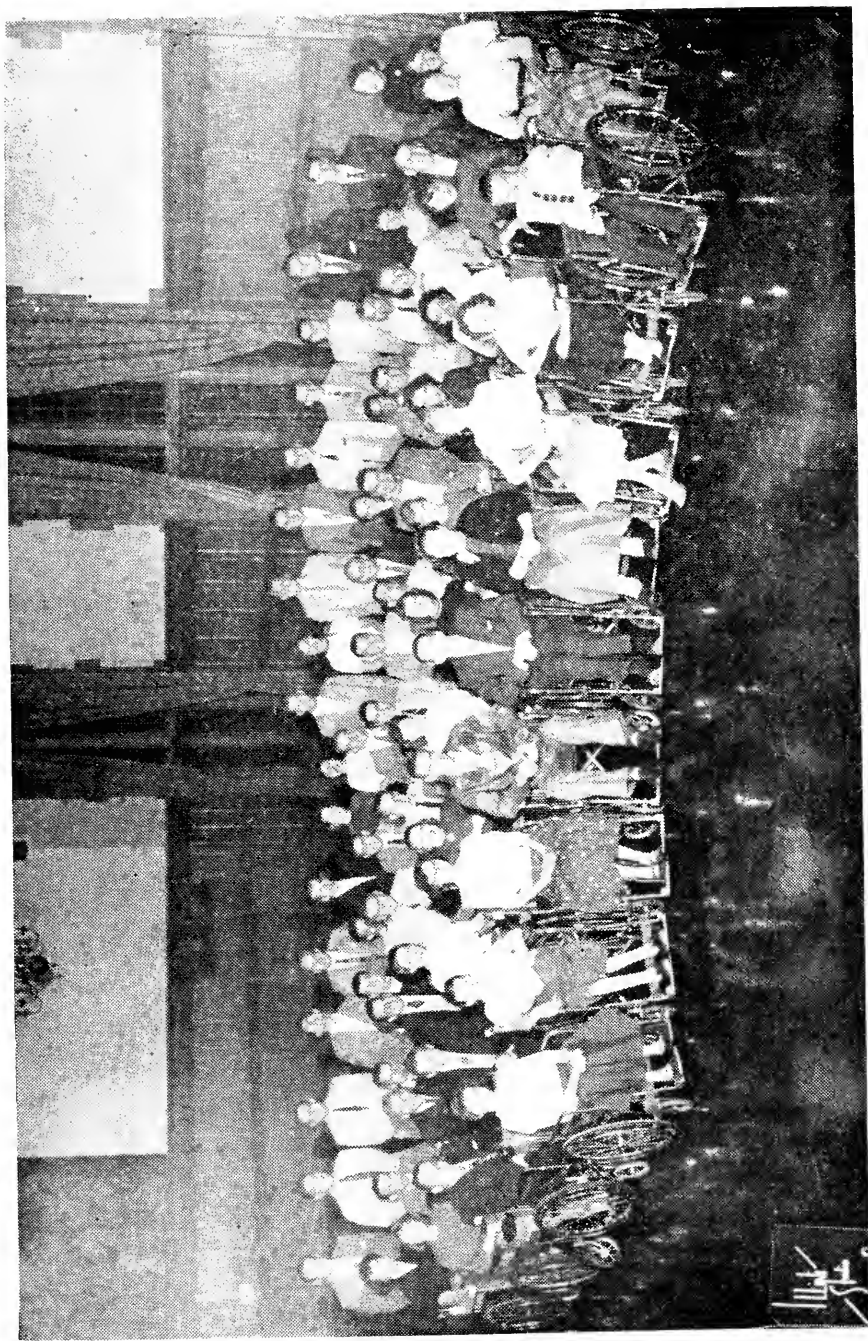
Muscular Dystrophy Caddy

by George, a wheel!



Cerebral Palsy Williams

a hopeful start



Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, '57
a rendezvous with tomorrow?

alumni briefs

Our alumni continue to be our greatest pride and greatest compliment. Many alumni return for the annual Initiation-Awards Banquet in November, a banquet which increases in size and significance each year. Many other alumni have written to us in recent months and still others we have heard from indirectly. Several alumni have made outstanding and distinct contributions to the program and to the University since their graduation. We'll try to bring you up to date, at least in part, about those we have heard from directly or indirectly.

Sally, nee Courier, Adams — is married, has at least one youngster and is living in San Diego, California. **David N. Afton** — is currently living and working in Chicago, Illinois, but we do not know all the details. **Bruce Aldendifer, Miss.**, that is, (it always fooled the records office) has shortened her name to Bruce Alden and is currently picture editor for the American Educator Encyclopedia, Lake Bluff, Illinois. **Ken Anderson** — has completed his Masters Degree in Mathematics and is well on his way towards his doctorate. Ken is also teaching full time in the Mathematics Dept. at the University of Illinois. Ken and his energetic and vivacious wife, Ann, have built a lovely new home in Timberhills Sub-Division just North and East of Urbana. **Robert E. Anderson** — charter member, is currently director of diversified occupations in Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon, Illinois. Bob drops in every once in a while and reports Pat, Jimmy and he are in excellent health and quite happy. **Max J. Aubuchon** — is on the administrative staff at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Illinois. **John Auby** — and his wife, Barbara, are now making their home in Mayville, Wisc., where John is employed as an industrial designer. John writes as tho he really likes the Wisconsin landscape. They were expecting an addition to their family in April. **Jacqueline Auclair** — is back in Chicago, Illinois, where she has a fine job as a Business Machine Supervisor.

Thomas Barnard, Jr. — is working in Chicago but we do not know any of the details. **F. Eleanor Bainum** — is married to C. Dale Rush, who is currently District Counselor for the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with offices in Mattoon, Illinois. **Marvin L. Berron** — and his lovely wife Shirley, migrated for a short time to St. Mary's, Ohio, but now make their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Marv is in personnel work with the Magna Power Tool Company. The Berron's and their three healthy youngsters plan to buy or build a home on the outskirts of Fort Wayne as soon as possible. **Lester D. Blankenship** — past president of D.S.O., and chairman of the Ted Lesey Memorial fund, is now Assistant Chief of Rehabilitation Services, Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. Les and Joan have a fine apartment in Springfield and many plans for the future, including a family. **Steve Bodnar** — is now Dr. Bodnar, having completed his Ph.D in chemistry. We do not know his present whereabouts. **Wayne H. Broeren** — recently elevated from an accountant with Thompson Lumber Co. to Sales and Estimates with the same company. Wayne and 'Cec' have built their own home in Northwest Champaign, have a husky youngster, Stu, and another youngster on the way. **Ardyth Broeske** — is now Mrs. Hal Reichers and the Reichers are now living in California. Upon last word Ardyth was working and Hal was working and tak-

ing some studies on the side. **Marilyn Brown** — is now Mrs. Allen Smith. Marilyn and Al have built a nice home in Galesburg, have one youngster, and Al is doing very well in his job.

Vito A. Caleca — past president, D.S.O., has recently received a nice promotion and raise with the Owens Corning Fiber Glass Co., in Ohio. Vito and Virginia now have a little boy, Victor, and have recently purchased a new home. The Caleca's are happy, healthy, and prosperous. **John H. Calkins** — spends every free weekend and moment he has vacationing in Denver, Colorado, but is currently working for the Goodall Corp. in Ogallala, Nebraska. **Robert D. Cays** — is currently an assistant in art at the University of Illinois and counselor in Men's Residence Halls while pursuing his graduate studies in Fine and Applied Arts. **Charles F. Chapman** — is a technical writer for the American Medical Association in Chicago, Illinois. Charles and Kathy have a healthy little youngster and we understand are expecting another youngster. **Jack Chase** — is now an ordained minister and has traveled throughout the country conducting Evangelistic Services. Jack and Mary are now back in his home state of Washington but Jack, on a recent visit, says he would like to be assigned to his own church in the Middle-West. Lynet is now quite a big girl and we understand she has a little sister. **Raymond F. Crigger** — finally caught up with that good looking nurse, Kay, that used to send him the diamond rings and Cadillac's every week. Ray is now practicing law in the State of California where he and Kay have been the past three years. Ray is a public defender in Los Angeles county. **Frank Deyo** — and his wife Betty are now in Rock Island where Frank has his own law practice and has also been a staff lawyer within the agency of the Federal Government. Frank is also chairman of the Board of Directors, Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. **Harold Drake** — is living at 10409 Aspen N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. That's all we've heard for some time although we have heard rumors to the effect that he now has his own business and is doing very well. **Marilyn Dunn** — Has completed her Bachelor's Degree and has returned to campus to complete a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.

John Early — has sent an occasional greeting back to campus but we do not know anything more than that he is back in Newton, Mass. **William Fife** — after two years in the field of business and management in Sioux City, Iowa, has returned to the University of Illinois campus for additional studies. **Robert C. Freres** — is working in the First National Bank in Kenosha, Wisconsin and thinks there's a great future for him there. **Clifford P. Gehrke** — and family have built a new home in the suburbs of Chicago. Cliff wrote to tell us of his new job but we do not have the details. **Robert Gleason** — recently passed his bar examination and is working in an established law firm in Springfield, Ill. **C. Ben Graham** — is in his last year of medical studies in Seattle, Washington. We understand he is maintaining the same exceptionally high academic record as he maintained while at the University of Illinois. Ben was recently married to a most attractive young lady, Pearl, and plans to revisit Champaign, in the summer of 1957. **Thomas Henderson** — was recently involved in a very serious accident according to word re-

ceived from Bill and Joanne Holloway. The Hendersons have been in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for some time but were in the process of resettling in the Middle West at the time of the accident. **Harris Hjeltter** — and his lovely wife, the former Shirley Sayers, both Alumni, sold their home in Aurora, Missouri, and Harris is now working in Memphis, Tenn.

Willard D. Holloway — past president, is currently personnel manager for Bemus Paper Bag Company in Peoria, Illinois. Now hold your seats! Joanne recently presented Bill with a darling little daughter. Joan and Bill have a new home in a suburb of Peoria along the wooded river banks. **Brice Huddleston** — was offered a sizeable scholarship to pursue graduate studies in view of his outstanding undergraduate record but chose to gain two or three year's practical experience in the area of education and counseling before pursuing his graduate studies. Brice will be as successful in his professional endeavor as he was as a student. **Raymond J. Hunt** — has also taken the big plunge recently. Ray and his lovely wife are living in Urbana, Illinois. Ray is a mechanical engineer with the Petro Chemical Corp. of Tuscola, Illinois, and his wife is teaching at Champaign Senior High School. **Ronald A. Jacobsen** — has passed the bar examination and is practicing law in Rockford, Illinois. **Lysle Elizabeth Johnson** — took some additional business training after leaving the University and is currently working in Miami, Florida. **George F. Jungles** — and his wife Betty have their own business in Chicago, Illinois. **Paul L. Kish** — is on the administrative staff of one of the large hospitals in Chicago, Illinois, the name of the hospital eludes us at this time. **Lula Jean Kussart** — now Mrs. Robert Flaughter, and her husband Bob are in Decatur, Illinois. Bob is supervisor of Physical Education in the elementary and intermediate schools of Decatur. Lula is working full time the last we heard.

Robert Kalupek — past president, was elected to County Treasurer in Poweshiek Lake County, Iowa. Bob likes both the political and business aspects of his job and looks to moving ahead in the future. **Wayne A. Lemburg** — charter member, is back on the University campus as an instructor in Business Management. **Tom Luttier** — and his lovely wife Betty own and manage their own Motel in Madeira Beach, Florida. Tom and Betty have adopted two very lovely children, Cathy and Mark, and they are enjoying both their business and family immensely. **Norma Jean McClure** — is working with the Champaign County Credit Bureau. **John Makris** — charter member, is now Dr. Makris. John recently received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and has established his own veterinary medicine practice in Decatur, Illinois. John and Joanne are as young and active as ever and they have three of the healthiest daughters you could hope to see. **Wallace Manville** — and Greta moved to Iowa for a short stay and then to San Francisco, California, where Wally is working and taking some legal courses on the side. **Janet Marshall** — is now specializing in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling out in Denver, Colorado. **Ken Matthias** — is working in Crown Point, Indiana, and we understand he and Norma Jean McClure intend to tie the knot some time during the summer of 1957. **Mary Lou Meinert** — is now teaching elementary school in Loves Park, Illinois. She reports she likes teaching very much. **Robert E. Miranda** — lovely wife, Ethyl, and daughter Cindy own their own home in a new sub-division in South West Champaign. Bob is with Illini Reefer Transport Co. in Cham-

paign, Illinois. **William Nothdurft** — is an inspector with one of the large meat packing plants in Chicago, Illinois. **Daniel O'Connell** — is in the personnel offices of Sears Roebuck and Company central offices in Chicago, Illinois. **Al Oelschlegel** — charter member, and wife Hattie have adopted a lovely little girl, Alana. Hattie and Al have a nice new home in a new section of Urbana. Al has established his own accounting and auditing business serving several agencies and businesses in Champaign-Urbana. Al continues to be quite active as treasurer of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. **Glenwood R. Perkins** — is currently an educational artist for Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois. Glen has also illustrated three books, already published, and is doing considerable advertising design work for several businesses and agencies independently. Glen and Marge have a new home in a new sub-division in South West Champaign. Marge continues to serve as a nurse at the University Health Center. **John Prince** — past president, finally took the big step and got hitched. John and his wife are living in Des Plaines where John is chief accountant for Canvas Products Mfg. Firm. **Tom Prough** — is working in Indianapolis but we do not know the nature of his work at this time.

Salo Rebhan — has a new home in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. Salo spends a considerable amount of time interpreting in the various languages in which he is so proficient for businesses and individuals in the Chicago area. Salo has invited several members of his family to share his home with him. **Harold Riechers** — as stated earlier has wedded Ardyth Broeske. Hal and Ardyth are living in Culver City, California, where Hal and Ardyth are both working and Hal is doing some studying on the side. **Richard P. Roscoe** — is living at home in Highland Park, Illinois, and has recently spent several months touring Mexico. Dick visits campus every once in awhile to avail himself of the University Library as he is continuing his studies towards a master's degree in Geography, doing a considerable amount of his work in Chicago. **Daniel D. Schub** — when last heard from, was an editor of Base Publications at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. **Donald W. Seifert** — is just rolling in dough, figurative and literally as an accountant with General Motors Division of Dayton, Ohio. **Bernard Shufelt** — past president, has completed his master's degree and is currently Public Relations Director for the Highland Park (Illinois) hospital foundation. Bernie has also taken the big plunge recently. He and his lovely wife, Ann, have purchased a new home in Northbrook, Illinois. **Alice Mae Smith** — was working in insurance for some time after graduation, is now married and makes a home for her and her husband in Richmond Heights, Missouri. **Ronald L. Smoot** — past president, has returned to campus and has completed his master's degree. Ron is now a full time instructor in Mechanical Engineering at the University. **Velma J. Snyder** — continues her work at Burnham City Hospital in Champaign, Illinois, where she is in the administrative offices. **Tony Sokol** — and his wife Joanne and their ever growing family are now in Maple Wood, Missouri, where Tony is working for the Federal Government. **Fred Springe** — has returned to the University campus to complete his master's degree in Mathematics, more particularly digital computations. **George Steinmann** — and his wife have returned to the Middle West from New Mexico and have developed a very large and successful business. **James W. Stewart** — is now director of Vocational

Agriculture and Agriculture Education in the public school system in Mattoon, Illinois. Big Jim is also farm advisor for that area of the state. Big Jim visits the campus quite often, he reports wife and family are doing very well. Jim has been most active in several special projects in behalf of D.S.O. in recent months. As you know, Jim completed his mater's degree last June. **John Storer** — is currently president of the Vaughan Chapter of the PVA and is devoting most of his time to the project work of the National Paraplegia Foundation and the Paralyzed Veterans Association, and works as an administrator for the Chicago Park District. **Doris Jean Sutton** — is now Mrs. Groth. She and hubby have made their home in Kankakee, Illinois, in fact, they either have or are building a new home. **Donald W. Swift** — charter member, past president, has been "booted up" several times. He is placement officer for the department of non-academic personnel at the University of Illinois. Don and Annie have a beautiful new home in Greencroft and have recently completely remodeled the home and are doing extensive landscaping about the home. Don just recently made a gift of \$1500.00 to Delta Sigma Omicron.

Lyxander Thompson — past president, is now Dr. Thompson. Tommy completed his Ph.D and is now assistant professor of History at the University of Minnesota. **John W. Torrance, Jr.** — recently took the great big step. Yes, "old dad" married a most wonderful girl and the Torrances have an apartment on the South Shore of Chicago. Jack, who was the first person to receive a degree in Medical Technical Writing, is practicing his profession in Chicago with great success. **Leah Mae Truxell** — is now Mrs. Charles Tagg. Mae is currently Supervisor of Music Education in Gifford, Illinois. **Robert E. Underwood** — and his lovely wife Nancy have a cute little girl. Bob received a recent promotion and is now NAEB Tape Network Manager, Kellogg Radio Project, Broadcasting, with headquarters at the University of Illinois. **Francis L. Verdun** — when last heard from, was teaching school in Northern Illinois and pursuing some graduate studies at the University during the summer. **Kenneth C. Wagoner** — is married and living and working Hoopeston, Illinois. Ken hopes in time to develop his own business. **Robert Waller** — mi-

grated to sunny California where he soon was married. Bob is working in California and we understand the Waller's now number four. **Jack Whitman** — past president, is sales manager for Radio Station WKID. Jack also has his own sports program and also has a one hour feature program on Saturdays. We understand the listening audience of WKID has tripled in the past two years and think Jack shares in the credit for this. Jack is planning on being married this summer and has already purchased a home in North West Champaign. **James L. Wilder** — recently completed law studies and has passed the bar examination. We have not heard from Jim as to where he has set up practice. **Leland Wise** — is doing very well with Champaign Production Credit Association which we understand is enlarging its services and constructing new offices. He and his lovely wife Joanne (formerly Joanne Woll, also an Alumnus) have a very lovely home in a new sub-division in South East Urbana and also have a very lovely little daughter. The grapevine tells us that Joanne is an excellent homemaker. **John Young** — has accepted a position as structural engineer with the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co., Melrose Park, Illinois. John and his lovely wife Sandy plan to buy a home in that area of the state and may have done so previous to the printing of this publication. **Ronald R. Young** — has recently taken the big plunge. Ron and his wife have made their home in Lincoln, Illinois, where Ron is working in retail sales.

Sigma Signs is going to print much earlier than ever before, so all we can do at this time is list the February Graduates of the current school year.

Max Bartell — has completed his Bachelor's Degree in Management. **Eugene Emmereich** — has completed his Bachelor's Degree in Personnel Management. **Jane (nee Murphy) Presney** — has completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in Education. She married during her senior year and is now expecting an addition to the family. **Anton Wypych** — completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Architecture, and didn't have time to pack his bags before he was on the job with an Architectural and Structural Firm in Lake Forest, Illinois.

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As the man once said, this isn't any one man job. In turning out even a small publication, such as this, lots of folk enter onto the scene to do their bit. So, here's the line-up. We've tried to include everyone. The editor feels all deserve top billing.

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Academics MARY TRAUTMAN, DON GLYN
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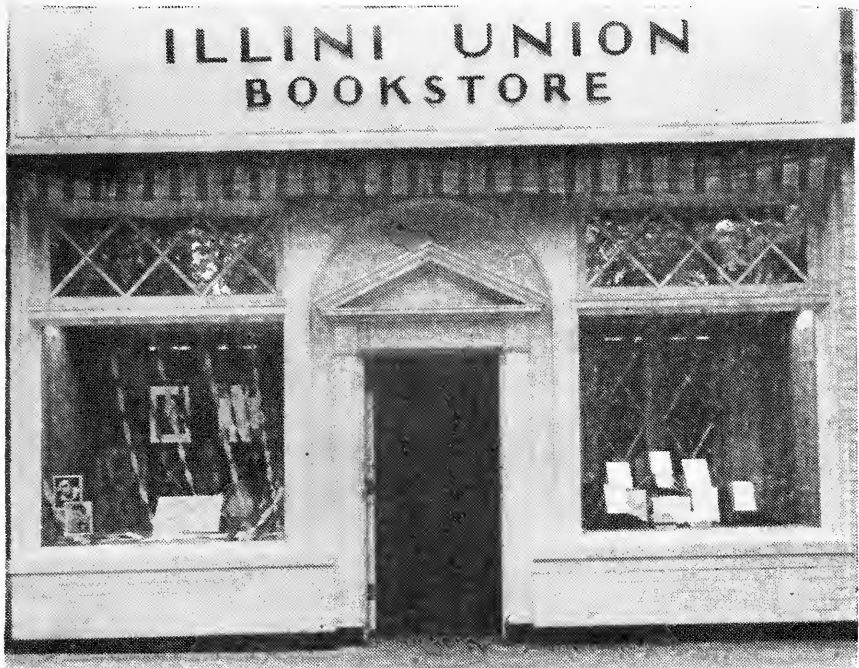
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